

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2871 - SB 2782

February 15, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services (DHS) to conduct a study on the distribution of food stamps on a sliding scale when a recipient's income increased to an amount where food stamps are no longer required. Requires the study to examine the monthly income fluctuation of recipients and determine a reasonable manner to match the recipient's need for food stamps with the recipient's income. Requires DHS to report the results of the study, on or before January 15, 2013, to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and the House Health and Human Resources Committee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Commissioner will, as required, consult with various state departments and agencies and will look to reforming current food stamp rules and regulations as they relate to the turnaround of recipient's income increasing as their need for benefits decreases.
- According to DHS, conducting and reporting the study will not have a significant fiscal impact and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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